



HUCKNALL SIXTH FORM CENTRE

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WELCOME TO HSFC

Hucknall Sixth Form Centre is a vibrant hub of education located in the heart of Hucknall, welcoming students from across Nottinghamshire.

Our dedicated post-16 facilities include well-equipped classrooms, independent study zones, breakout spaces and a café for students to study and socialise with their friends. We work in partnership with the National Church of England Academy, The Holgate Academy and Queen Elizabeth's Academy. Students also come to study with us from a wide range of schools and academies in the region.

With over 30 courses available, there is something to interest, engage and suit all requirements. If your onward goal is to go to university, begin employment or take on an apprenticeship, we will support you to get there. We are big enough to offer a broad range of courses, yet small enough to offer a sense of belonging to a friendly community of students and staff.

We are here to help you become your future self and to be successful in your chosen career. The world of work is changing rapidly and we're here to help you find your pathway through the myriad of options. Together with your qualifications we offer a broad range of enrichment activities – your learning will go beyond your academic qualifications and prepare you for the wide and diverse world beyond sixth form.

Our key values

Believe. Belong. Become.

The key to success is self-belief – we will help you identify milestones that will help you achieve your future career pathway. Knowing what you want to achieve will motivate you to succeed. You will be supported by our dedicated staff who will instil good studying habits, time management skills, and give you the confidence and focus to achieve your goal.

To find out more about how we can support your aspirations, we would be delighted to welcome you here and show you around our impressive facilities.

I look forward to meeting you.

Ms Judith Cliffman
Head of Hucknall Sixth Form Centre

Home academy sixth form links



Mrs Kelly Wall



Miss Sharon Hall

‘We look forward to meeting you and supporting your future aspirations.’

STUDY WITH US

Our students travel from across Nottinghamshire to join a post-16 community with strong academic principles and values, dedicated to achievement and positive outcomes.

We aim for all our students to be successful and develop into professional, educated young people. Our intention is that students will achieve to the best of their abilities and either continue their studies at university, in higher or degree apprenticeships, or move directly into employment.

The centre is based in a purpose-built academic building which was refurbished in 2019, creating a fresh and vibrant facility designed for learning, independent study and personal development. This outstanding location is supported by specialist facilities at our partner academies, enabling specific subject areas to expand and enhance students' understanding of their course.

Students joining us from one of our partner academies will be taught and supported by staff who are familiar to them, ensuring they continue to thrive as they take their next steps in their studies. For students joining us from other schools and academies, you will be welcomed to the centre and assigned a partner academy closest to your home.

ONWARD DESTINATION

75% of students went into higher education

90% of students progressed to their first-choice university

EXAM SUCCESS

38% of students achieved A*-B at A Level or equivalent

Pass rate
99%

at A Level or equivalent

Figures based on 2019 exam results, not 2021 teacher-assessed grades.

HUCKNALL SIXTH FORM CENTRE

10 REASONS WHY

1. College style environment – while retaining close links to your home academy
2. Results – success in supporting students into university (including Russell Group and Oxbridge), apprenticeships and employment
3. All students take the Extended Project Qualification in year 13 – highly valued by universities and businesses
4. Supportive staff and an on-site counsellor
5. Central Hucknall location – easy access to bus, tram and train routes
6. Variety of trips to UCAS fairs, universities, employers, London, CERN, Berlin, Krakow and more...
7. Comprehensive personal development and enrichment programme
8. Top-class facilities including a large Learning Resource Centre, independent study spaces and a student café
9. Fantastic careers advice and guidance, including access to Unifrog
10. Collaborative approach to great teaching, learning and support for students



OUR VISION AND VALUES

OUR **KEY** ELEMENTS REQUIRED FOR **SUCCESS** ARE TO:

- | Believe
- | Belong
- | Become

The key to success in sixth form is self-belief. Knowing that you can achieve your goal will help you to succeed.

We also support students who wish to focus on their own faith – two of our partner academies provide chaplaincy for students of all faiths (and none).

Success is very much about teamwork. At Hucknall Sixth Form Centre you will belong to a team dedicated to supporting your development in both the academic and pastoral aspects of sixth form life.

Ultimately, we want you to be successful in your chosen career and to develop the resilience to lead a happy and fulfilled life.

STUDENT LIFE



Hucknall town centre has a vibrant community with plenty of places to eat and drink, together with great venues to socialise with friends.

As the sixth form is centrally located, you'll find yourself within easy reach of a range of transport links – so, you will be able to jump on a tram, train or bus from Hucknall and be at the heart of Nottingham city centre within 20 minutes.

Nottingham is a dynamic and student-friendly city with a host of cultural, sporting and shopping venues on offer. Whether you fancy the cinema, a bite to eat, a music gig or to join a sports club, you won't be short of opportunities to enhance your sixth form experience.

We work closely with local Hucknall churches and other community organisations, and students are encouraged to get actively involved. There is a strong chaplaincy team who provide pastoral support and lead acts of worship.

Additionally, we engage in a range of charity work at Hucknall Sixth Form Centre. Students have organised and led on hosting Macmillan coffee mornings and have fundraised for a variety of nominated local and national charities. All students are invited to get involved and are reminded about the importance of charity work in helping those less fortunate in our community and further afield.



A FULLY SUPPORTIVE EDUCATION COMMUNITY



FACILITIES



We believe that having access to great facilities is important in supporting your education and progress.

Our learning environments for lessons are light and spacious, and our Learning Resource Centre is a great area for independent study. Together with state-of-the-art science laboratories and preparation rooms, modern classrooms, communal spaces and an inviting reception area, you will have the opportunity to develop in an environment conducive to learning.

We also know how important it is to socialise with friends, and our café and breakout spaces mean that you can grab a bite to eat, catch up with friends, and study together as a group over a cup of coffee.

For those students who have passed their driving test, we also have free car parking on site.



CATCH UP WITH FRIENDS AND STUDY TOGETHER OVER A CUP OF COFFEE



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AND ENRICHMENT

We encourage all students to develop and enhance skills essential to moving into higher education and employment – we know that means much more than just academic achievement alone.

You will have access to opportunities both within and outside of lessons, so you can learn and hone new skills, or further develop your existing talents, to support you in life beyond sixth form.

Each week we timetable an enrichment period, in which we invite external speakers in to deliver inspiring and informative sessions. These offer thought-provoking discussion, reflection and independent research, and have previously included safe driving, drugs and alcohol, safe sex, the importance of voting, banking and higher education.

Visits and international travel

Linked to a number of courses are opportunities to experience new cultures and environments, and to discover how you can apply your studies in real life contexts. We arrange visits throughout the year, both in the UK and further afield. In previous years, our students have ventured to Switzerland, Germany, Poland, Spain and France to name a few – putting their learning and knowledge into practice.

The Ogden Trust also provides specific grants for A Level physics students to visit CERN in Switzerland at two-year intervals, with funding allocated to groups of academies who work in close collaboration for the benefit of the students.

You will also be given the opportunity to visit some of the country's top universities to get a feel for what to expect from an academic, personal development and social perspective.

Work experience

In year 12, you will complete work experience related to your career of choice or the education pathway you wish to follow. You will be expected to select, apply and interview for roles, and represent both yourself and Hucknall Sixth Form Centre in a professional, business-like manner.

We encourage personal development and expect all students to participate in at least one aspect of our enrichment programme, which includes but is not limited to

- | debate society
- | student council
- | first-aid
- | performing arts
- | charity work
- | NextGen Leaders
- | student leadership team
- | guest lectures

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STAND OUT FROM THE CROWD

THE EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION

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All of our year 13 students complete the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) as part of their ongoing development and study. The EPQ is highly valued by universities and businesses as evidence of a range of transferable skills required for higher education and employment.

In the EPQ, you will have the opportunity to choose your own topic area to research, ideally linked to your future studies or career aspirations. You will produce either a 5,000 word research dissertation on this topic or develop an artefact with a 2,000 word research report. You will then plan, research, develop and evaluate your project throughout the year. This is supported by sessions which build on skills such as independent study and research, organisation, time management, presentation skills and reflection.

Successful past dissertation EPQ projects include diverse projects on business marketing, psychological and biological research into Alzheimer's and autism, causes of the Spanish Civil War, causes of the 2008 economic crash, and the development of paramedic science and dentistry. Examples of excellent artefact EPQ projects include architectural design, jewellery making, photography, creative writing and computer programming.

The EPQ will give you a sense of achievement, an opportunity for individual research on a topic you are interested in and a very valuable qualification for inclusion on UCAS or job applications.



ADVICE AND GUIDANCE

We have a defined support system for all of our students, helping you to achieve your potential and aspire to reach further. We offer both pastoral and academic support, with guidance on financial, educational and career matters.

You will receive regular updates on your progress from your course teachers and personal tutors. Based on your GCSE performance, we set all our students realistic yet challenging targets to reach their potential in their chosen courses. Support is tailored to ensure you can achieve your goals and can aspire to stretch yourself academically. We will also provide extra support where required.

You will be allocated a personal tutor for the duration of your time with us. You will meet your tutor daily to discuss academic and personal progress, and they will support you through the process of applying for university, apprenticeships or work placements.

You can also get support from dedicated learning mentors, who provide advice and guidance on any issues, concerns or questions you may have. This could involve wanting to change courses, obtaining information about higher education or training options, discussing problems outside of the sixth form setting or just simply needing to talk. There is also dedicated careers advice, information and guidance available in the Learning Resource Centre.

Funding

The government provides a funded 16-19 Bursary Fund for eligible students. This provides financial support to help cover the costs associated with further study, such as educational resources or equipment, transport and food for the days you attend sixth form, and professional clothing.

These bursaries provide students with access to up to £1,200 of funding for each year of their sixth form study. There are two types of bursary available, the vulnerable bursary and the discretionary bursary – students eligible for a bursary also receive an electronic device (such as a tablet), to further aid their learning during their time with us.

If you feel that you might meet the criteria to be considered for the 16-19 Bursary Fund, call us on **0115 9681657** and we will answer your questions about the funding and application process.

For further information, visit www.hsfc-ac.org.uk/students/funding-and-bursaries or www.gov.uk/1619-bursary-fund



PAST SUCCESS



George Newton

A student of many talents, George accomplished great things during his time at Hucknall Sixth Form Centre – academically and personally. His achievements ensured that he reached his high aspirations, progressing to a place at Oxford University.

He said: “I chose this sixth form as I was impressed with the range of academic subjects, and I was familiar with the staff and how they could support my progress. Many of my friends were coming here too, so the transition from secondary was easy and felt like a good step on my educational journey.”

Hard work and focus were key themes in George’s time at sixth form, and this dedication to his studies resulted in a hugely impressive set of results, with four A* grades, confirming his place at Oxford to study Spanish and Portuguese. George, who speaks six languages, hopes to use this learning to set up language schools around Europe in the future, having already been tutoring younger students in foreign languages in his spare time.

George’s advice to anyone considering studying at HSFC is: “Do what feels right for you. Everyone is different – work out which pathway is best for you and follow that. Staff will support and guide you, but hard work is essential too. I have achieved everything I wanted to here, and enjoyed every moment of it!”



Angela Boakye

Angela enjoyed a successful time at HSFC – she was one of our student presidents and, after achieving excellent results in biology, chemistry, maths and the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), has now gone on to study medicine at UCL.

Angela said: “I chose to study at HSFC for a sense of familiarity, having known some of the staff and students. Being a student at HSFC brought along a greater level of independence, some challenges but also successes. The staff provided great support, feedback and personal one-to-one guidance. I enjoyed the extracurricular activities provided, such as volunteering at the care home, which was important for my future aspiration. I believe there are many opportunities given at HSFC from leadership roles to psychology club. This alongside the close staff-to-student interactions made my journey at sixth form a success.”

On tips for future students, she added: “To anyone considering studying at HSFC I will advise to always seek support and feedback from your teachers, no matter how small or how many times you have done so already. I also think it is important to get involved in events and activities at sixth form as they will enrich you – and this also makes for a great personal statement! My experience at HSFC was incredible and I encourage others to join this community!”



Amina Thanni

Amina – a highly motivated and committed student – excelled at Hucknall Sixth Form Centre. She achieved excellent grades and, through resilience, grit and determination, she achieved her ambition to study law at her first choice university.

Amina studied English literature, psychology and law alongside the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). She also benefitted from many other experiences in sixth form, including undertaking a student ambassador leadership role. Through the EPQ, Amina further developed her skills and confidence, which enhanced her application to her chosen Russell Group university.

Amina said: “Looking at my results makes me realise just how hard I’ve worked and the excellent support I have had from teachers at HSFC. I am very pleased to be going to The University of Sheffield to study Law, I am so excited.”

Amina has yet to decide whether she would like to become a solicitor or barrister, but we are confident that she will be a successful lawyer either way. She has achieved everything she wanted to within the sixth form and would recommend HSFC to others.



Eden Burch

Eden is another great student success story. On results day, she was thrilled to see her four straight A grades and has now headed off to St Andrews – her first choice university.

Eden said: “I’m really glad I moved to The Holgate Academy and studied at the Hucknall Sixth Form Centre for my post 16 studies. It was the best move I’ve ever made. I am going to follow my dream and study neuroscience at St Andrews.”

Eden was an excellent student who always aspired to achieve high grades in her studies. When asked about what made her a successful student, Eden said: “I was really pleased with the way my teachers allowed me to develop my skills and work independently. I don’t always learn the same way as everyone else and my teachers at HSFC have helped me to progress so much, I am so pleased with the grades I have achieved. The way teachers at HSFC adjusted their teaching to help me learn was excellent.”

When asked about her future plans, Eden added: “My ambition now is to complete my neuroscience degree at St Andrews. Once I have completed that I want to train to become a neuro surgeon and HSFC has helped me on this journey.”

YOUR EDUCATION

The following section details all of the courses currently on offer at Hucknall Sixth Form Centre. There are a wide range of subjects to choose from and you will have your own tailored study programme.

The information in this section answers three key questions. The answer to these will enable you to make an informed decision about how studying that course will benefit you and your future goals.

The course directory outlines what you will be studying and where it could take you in the future.

If you wish to find out more about a specific course, including how you will be assessed, full details can be found on the HSFC website.

Why?

The key reasons for choosing to study this course.

What?

Details of what you will be studying.

Where?

The potential higher education and/or career paths you may take by studying this subject.

Please be aware that in order run these courses a minimum number of applications must be received.



YOUR PATHWAYS

Students at Hucknall Sixth Form Centre will follow one of four programmes of study which are detailed below.

Entry criteria	Description	Possible destinations
GCSE APS* of 7 or higher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications for medicine/veterinary/dentistry or Oxbridge and other Russell Group university courses • At least two facilitating subjects (mathematics, further mathematics, English literature, physics, biology, chemistry, geography, history, MFL) • Timetabled enrichment • Enrichment choice • Tutor time • Work experience (Y12 only) 	Medicine/veterinary/dentistry Oxbridge Russell Group university University degree Higher and degree apprenticeship
GCSE APS of 6 or higher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider facilitating subjects (mathematics, further mathematics, English literature, physics, biology, chemistry, geography, history, MFL), especially if thinking of a Russell Group university • Timetabled enrichment • Enrichment choice • Tutor time • Work experience (Y12 only) 	Russell Group university University degree Higher and degree apprenticeship
GCSE APS of 5 or higher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A mixture of applied Level 3 and A Level courses • Timetabled enrichment • Enrichment choice • Tutor time • Work experience (Y12 only) 	University degree Higher and degree apprenticeship
GCSE APS of 4 or higher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mainly applied Level 3 courses • Timetabled enrichment • Enrichment choice • Tutor time • Work experience (Y12 only) 	University degree University foundation degree Advanced apprenticeship

*APS – average point score



Applied law

(BTEC Level 3 – certificate/extended certificate)

Applied law is an engaging course providing students with an introduction to the legal sector. The course covers a wide range of legal issues including civil law, criminal law, the legal system and how all of these can be applied and interpreted. You will discover how laws are created and passed, different types of offences and sentences, together with learning about the court system and professions in the sector.

This course provides the basis of an excellent route for learners to pursue higher education study in law and to aspire to a career in the legal sector.

Find out more at: www.hsfc-ac.org.uk/applied-law

Entry requirements:

Grade 4 in English language with four other GCSEs at grade 4 (or equivalent) or above

Examination board: Pearson
Specification: National certificate 601/9042/5

Applied science

(BTEC Level 3)

The course is designed to support students who wish to follow a pathway in science and combines well with study in biology, chemistry, physics and maths. You will learn about the principles and application of science, with a hands-on emphasis on learning about scientific procedures, investigations and techniques.

For students wishing to go into the fields of forensic science and maths, or look towards a career as a science technician, this is a superb course to take alongside other subjects.

Find out more at: www.hsfc-ac.org.uk/applied-science

Entry requirements:

GCSE grade 4-4 in science or equivalent

Examination board: Edexcel
Specification: NC419

Art – fine

(A Level and AS)

Our fine art course supports students to explore their creativity and encourages investigation and experimentation of materials, ideas, feelings and media. You will develop your knowledge of materials, technology and artists, learning about new concepts and building your own style and methods. The course covers sustainability, forms of presentation for different audiences, together with a focus on both historical and contemporary themes.

For individuals wishing to study at a higher level in art, design and illustration, this diverse and creative course will support those future aspirations.

Find out more at: www.hsfc-ac.org.uk/art-fine

Entry requirements:

GCSE grade 5 in art. If you did not study art at GCSE, you will need to provide a portfolio of work to be assessed prior to signing up

Examination board: AQA
Specification: 7242/7202

Biology

(A Level and AS)

An interesting and inspiring course, A Level biology will nurture your passion for this specific science subject. You will learn about a wide variety of topics covering biological molecules and cells, how organisms adapt and relate to their environments, the transfer of energy between organisms, together with studying elements of genetics, populations, evolution and ecosystems.

The course lays the groundwork for further study and careers in areas such as biological sciences, animal sciences and medicine.

Find out more at: www.hsfc-ac.org.uk/biology

Entry requirements:

Two GCSE grade 6s in science and grade 5 in maths

Examination board: AQA
Specification: 7401/7402

Business (applied)

(Cambridge Technicals Level 3)

Our Level 3 business course is ideal for students who have a genuine interest in the commercial world. You will cover business scenarios such as what it means to work in a commercial environment, understanding customers and the wider world of business, together with facets of business such as marketing and communications.

As you develop your business skills and knowledge, you will complete coursework designed to solidify your understanding and enable you to pursue further study or careers in a related subject.

Find out more at: www.hsfc-ac.org.uk/business-level-3

Entry requirements:

Grade 4 GCSE in business or merit at Level 2 business. If you have not studied business before, you will need a grade 5 in maths and English

Examination board: OCR
Cambridge Technicals Specification: 05834/05835

Business

(A Level and AS)

Business studies at A Level provides students with knowledge about why organisations make the decisions they do, looking at the strategic reasoning for this. You will discover the legal structures that a business can take, the roles of management in an organisation and how performance is measured and improved. The course will enable you to understand business models and analysis tools, together with finding out about key functional areas such as marketing, operations, finance and HR.

A great course for individuals looking to progress in business management, marketing, administration or operations.

Find out more at: www.hsfc-ac.org.uk/business-a-level

Entry requirements:

Grade 5 in business GCSE. If you have not studied business before, you will need a grade 5 in maths and English

Examination board: WJEC
Specification: B510/A510

Chemistry

(A Level and AS)

The course will develop your interest in and enthusiasm for chemistry, learning about how the world works and the application of science. You will study organic and inorganic chemistry, discovering molecules used for fuels and medicine, finding out how these can be engineered and adapted, learning about elements and compounds, and expanding your knowledge of physical chemistry – the fundamental laws of nature that govern everything we are.

The course is a mixture of theoretical and practical work, developing your skills and techniques alongside solid base knowledge. Onward destinations for students at higher education include science-based subjects such as medicine, pharmacology and chemical engineering.

Find out more at: www.hsfc-ac.org.uk/chemistry

Entry requirements:

Two GCSEs at grade 6 in science and grade 5 in maths

Examination board: OCR
Specification: H032/H432

Childcare and education – early years educator

(CACHE Level 3 Diploma)

Our full-time childcare and education course is equivalent to three A Levels. You will learn the fundamentals working in early years education including how children develop through play, health and wellbeing, legislation and how to develop as a professional educator. The course is an interactive blend of classroom learning and work placements, with the skills and knowledge gained enabling you to move into careers working with children, family support and early years education.

Together with your on-site learning at Hucknall Sixth Form Centre, you will be required to work or volunteer on a practical placement as an important part of the assessment process.

Find out more at: www.hsfc-ac.org.uk/childcare-and-education

Entry requirements:

You need five GCSEs (or equivalent) at grade 4 or above including English language and maths, and will have an interview with the tutor before being accepted. You are required to undertake a DBS check prior to any placement

Examination board: NCFE CACHE
Specification: 601/3998/5

Computer science

(A Level and AS)

Computer science provides a framework within which you can consider complex problems and apply computational methods to create effective and efficient solutions. You will learn about computer systems, hardware, software and data exchange, together with a practical topic on evaluation of algorithms and developing programming techniques. Contemporary computer science issues such as the legal, moral, cultural and ethical issues associated with computer systems are also explored.

The course will enable you to analyse problems and critically evaluate solutions in a changing world. Students can move on to higher education courses relating to computer programming, systems analysis and careers in web development and STEM related industries.

Find out more at: www.hsfc-ac.org.uk/computer-science

Entry requirements:

GCSE at grade 5 in computer science and maths

Examination board: OCR
Specification: H046/H446

Criminology

(Level 3 – applied certificate/diploma)

Criminology focuses on many aspects of crime, from crime scene to court room. By linking theories to real life criminal cases, you will learn about a range of criminological theories and explanations of why people commit crime. You will also explore the changing public perception of crime, campaigns for change and changes in law. Developing your knowledge of the criminal justice system and investigation process, you will also broaden and develop your understanding and opinions of justice, crime, punishment and the various agencies involved in these.

An interesting and diverse course, this could lead you to further study or careers in social sciences and social work, legal professions, law, psychology or journalism.

Find out more at: www.hsfc-ac.org.uk/criminology

Entry requirements:

GCSE at grade 4 in English and grade 4 in maths or science

Examination board: WJEC
Specification:
601/6249/1 (certificate)
601/6248/X (diploma)

Design technology – product design *

(A Level and AS)

Students on our design technology course learn key skills and knowledge of manufacturing processes and materials to produce usable and aesthetically pleasing products. You will learn about everyday objects and the technology used to produce them, developing your own individual design and make project – this gives you the opportunity to show off your abilities to meet a brief in an imaginative manner, researching the issue, proposing ideas and manufacturing solutions to a high quality.

An exciting and creative course, design technology can support students who are aspiring to careers in architecture, product design, industrial design and engineering.

Find out more at: www.hsfc-ac.org.uk/design-technology

* This course is currently under review and may be replaced by a combined design technology and engineering course.

Entry requirements:

GCSE at grade 5 or above in a relevant subject (resistant materials, graphics or product design)

Examination board: Edexcel
Specification: 8DT0

Digital media

(Cambridge Technicals Level 3)

Digital media is designed to build on your ICT knowledge and skills to support a continuation of your studies or enter careers in creative digital arts.

The course will develop your understanding through topics such as media products and their audiences, production and planning, and creation of a product. The practical element of the course enables you to develop a product through from audience identification, to legalities associated with product development, through to the creation and deployment of the product. Students also have the opportunity to extend their knowledge in specific areas of the media by choosing additional units from topics such as TV production, media scripting and marketing a product.

Find out more at: www.hsfc-ac.org.uk/digital-media

Entry requirements:

GCSE grade 4 in English. An ICT/computing qualification at grade 4 or above is desirable

Examination board: OCR
Specification: 601/7259/9

Engineering *

(BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate)

Studying engineering will give you an understanding of how electrical, electronic and mechanical systems work, applying engineering theory to real-life examples to tackle problem-solving challenges. You will learn about systems and processes and the science behind these, together with deepening your knowledge and skill of engineering disciplines such as design, production and manufacturing.

Combining practical and theoretical learning, this course can lead on to further study at degree level or into careers such as electronic engineering, mechanical engineering, computer aided design (CAD) or into areas such as architecture and systems design.

Find out more at: www.hsfc-ac.org.uk/engineering

* This course is currently under review and may be replaced by a combined design technology and engineering course.

Entry requirements:

Level 2 merit in engineering.
If you have not studied engineering before, GCSE grade 5 in science or GCSE grade 5 in maths

Examination board: Pearson
Specification: Level 3 foundation

English language

(A Level and AS)

This course will enable you to understand where English has come from, how it has changed over time, how we learn it and how it is used. There is the opportunity to discover a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts, with ample opportunity to display your developing creative and imaginative writing skills, enhancing how you use language to persuade, inform, instruct and entertain. The course deepens your understanding of language acquisition and how we communicate across gender, social, occupation and regional variations.

An engaging and exciting course for students looking to follow pathways in media, journalism, law, academia or literature.

Find out more at: www.hsfc-ac.org.uk/english-language

Entry requirements:

GCSE grade 5 in English language

Examination board: AQA
Specification: 7701/7702

English literature

(A Level and AS)

English literature is the study of how we engage with and think about the world – cultures, human relationships, history and the history of ideas. This course will enable you to extend and deepen your appreciation of literature, including its changing traditions, and apply your knowledge of literary analysis and evaluation critically and creatively across texts. You will also explore ideas and actively discuss these with other students, developing your interest in and enjoyment of literature.

Students who are looking to study further or consider careers in teaching, law, history, media, literature or journalism should consider this interesting and engaging course.

Find out more at: www.hsfc-ac.org.uk/english-literature

Entry requirements:

GCSE grade 5 in English literature

Examination board: AQA
Specification: 7716/7717

Film studies

(A Level)

Our film studies course engages students in the theory of cinema's past, present and future. Students will explore the work of the masters of film, together with films from modern directors, looking at techniques used to create their vision. By developing an understanding of film texts through analysis and evaluation, students will extend their knowledge of the technical and creative elements of film form and develop practical skills required to be a filmmaker, through short film study/creation and screenwriting.

Film studies is an ideal course, mixing theory and hands-on learning for creative individuals who aspire to careers in media, arts, broadcasting, television and film production.

Find out more at: www.hsfc-ac.org.uk/film-studies

Entry requirements:

GCSE grade 5 in English. Whilst a GCSE in film studies is preferable, it is not required

Examination board: WJEC/Eduqas
Specification: 603/1147/2 A670Q5

Finance

(Level 3 – certificate/diploma)

Finance is an interesting subject, especially for students who study business and/or maths. It is ideal for those with an interest in managing their own personal finance and covers elements of personal and business finance including topics on short-term, medium-term and long-term financial capability.

Many students who complete this course go onto study finance, business or accounting courses at university, with others going into higher level apprenticeships in accounting, studying towards AAT accounting qualifications.

Find out more at: www.hsfc-ac.org.uk/finance

Entry requirements:

GCSE grade 4 in maths,
GCSE business grade 4 or
BTEC business with a merit.
Plus four other GCSEs at
grade 4 or equivalent

Examination board: LIBF
Specification:
Certificate – 600/8537/
Diploma – 600/8551

Geography

(A Level and AS)

Geography will allow you to understand and interpret our changing world, considering complexities of interactions between communities, and the role we have as global citizens. You will study elements of physical geography such as water cycles, coastal systems and hazards to the environment, together with human geography covering global systems and governance, population and the environment, and changing places.

Exciting practical investigations are a crucial and interesting part of the course, with the qualification leading on to a wide range of careers and further study that could be in conservation, politics, teaching, transport and logistics.

Find out more at: www.hsfc-ac.org.uk/geography

Entry requirements:

GCSE at grade 5 in
geography

Examination board: AQA
Specification: 7036/ 7037

Health and social care

(Cambridge Technicals Level 3)

Students interested in careers in care, nursing, childcare or early years education would benefit from our health and social care course. You will learn about how to build positive relationships, working in a safe and secure way. Developing your understanding of the science of caring including nutrition, psychology and anatomy, you will develop knowledge of the rights of patients and look at equality and diversity.

You will learn through theory and practical study with opportunities for you to enhance your understanding through visits to local health and social care, and early years settings.

Find out more at: www.hsfc-ac.org.uk/health-and-social-care

Entry requirements:

GCSE grade 4 in English,
maths and science

Examination board: OCR
Specification: 05831

History

(A Level and AS)

History enables you to develop an understanding of the past and provides you with an overview of change and continuity of human history. You will learn about three key periods in time – Tudor England, Germany between 1918-1945 and the Middle East from 1895-2000. Developing understanding of their social, historical and political significance, you will also gain skills of analysis and interpretation in an intellectually challenging course.

These key techniques are suited to careers in history, law, journalism, politics and social sciences, to name just a few.

Find out more at: www.hsfc-ac.org.uk/history

Entry requirements:

GCSE at grade 5 in history

Examination board: AQA
Specification: 7042

ICT

(Cambridge Technicals Level 3)

Our ICT course is ideal for students with an interest in this subject who may wish to go into a related career in the future. You will cover many different and interesting aspects of the IT industry and will be required to grasp key knowledge of the sector. You will also develop your practical skills and ability across a range of interesting and informative projects.

The course allows for creative expression with optional units based around the creative use of ICT, including games design, web design and graphics.

Find out more at: www.hsfc-ac.org.uk/ict

Entry requirements:

An ICT/computing qualification at grade 4 or above, and a grade 4 in English

Examination board: OCR
Specification: 05839

Mathematics

(A Level and AS)

Maths is a wide-ranging subject that can be used in a number of different education and career pathways. Our course focuses on three main categories – pure maths, mechanics and statistics. Within each of these areas, you will develop a sound understanding of the techniques and principles associated with key elements of maths and how these can be applied.

Students who have completed this course have moved on to study maths at a higher level together with moving into careers in statistics, engineering, accountancy and sciences.

Find out more at: www.hsfc-ac.org.uk/mathematics

Entry requirements:

GCSE at grade 6 in maths

Examination board: AQA
Specification: 7356

Mathematics – core

(AS equivalent)

Core mathematics develops maths skills, knowledge and techniques that can be applied on a day-to-day basis in work, study or life in real-life context. You will study statistical analysis, finance, risk, estimation and how to use graphs, gradients and exponentials. Your skills in problem solving and communicating solutions will also be enhanced throughout the course.

The qualification leads students into studying maths at a higher level and is useful in all professional career pathways, especially those that rely on maths as an integral part such as sciences, economics, engineering and finance.

Find out more at: www.hsfc-ac.org.uk/mathematics-core

Entry requirements:

GCSE grade 4 in maths

Examination board: OCR
Specification:
Level 3 certificate in
quantitative reasoning

Mathematics – further

(AS Level)

For students with an interest in enhancing their mathematical skills, further maths is an interesting and appealing course. You will develop abilities to reason logically and recognise incorrect reasoning, to generalise and to construct mathematical proofs, together with enhancing your understanding of maths and mathematical processes.

If you are pursuing engineering, accountancy or science-based courses at university, further maths will enrich your skills and open up opportunities in these fields.

Find out more at: www.hsfc-ac.org.uk/mathematics-further

Entry requirements:

GCSE grade 8 in maths –
you must also be taking
AS maths

Examination board: AQA
Specification: 7366

Modern foreign languages – French and German

(A Level and AS)

Studying a language supports the development of communication and grammar skills, together with an ability to analyse, interpret and evaluate texts and spoken language. Within our French and German courses, you will learn about social issues, culture, politics, grammar and literature, all whilst improving your understanding of the language and practically demonstrating these skills.

Languages offer great pathways into further study in a specific language and can be a great asset in career paths in sectors such as business, politics, education, tourism and travel.

Find out more at: www.hsfc-ac.org.uk/mfl

Entry requirements:

GCSE at grade 5 or above in the chosen language

Examination board: AQA
Specification: French: AS 7651/ A2 7652
German: AS 7661/ A2 7662

Performing arts – acting

(BTEC Level 3 – extended certificate)

A practical and creative qualification, the performing arts course allows you to show your creative flair for acting, together with giving you the tools, techniques and theory to better your understanding of the subject. You will discover the works of key practitioners and why they are so important, develop core physical and vocal skills for live performance, work in groups to devise original pieces, and interpret and update classic performance texts.

The course prepares you to move on to pathways in acting, theatre, media, television and journalism.

Find out more at: www.hsfc-ac.org.uk/performing-arts-acting

Entry requirements:

GCSE grade 4 in drama. For students who have not studied GCSE drama, you will need a grade 4 or above in English

Examination board: Edexcel
Specification: TBC

Photography

(A Level and AS)

Photography is a popular course with students who want to extend their knowledge of different art forms. You have the opportunity to develop a wide range of photographic skills ranging from experimental image making, studio, location and digital. You will produce a portfolio of practical work that shows a wide range of high-quality images that you have created.

Future pathways and careers include professional photography, art and design, web development, media and journalism.

Find out more at: www.hsfc-ac.org.uk/photography

Entry requirements:

GCSE at grade 4 in art or photography. If you have not studied art or photography at GCSE, you will need to provide a portfolio of work to be assessed prior to signing up

Examination board: AQA
Specification: 7246/ 7206

Physical education

(A Level and AS)

The course encourages you to immerse yourself in the world of sports and physical education, providing performance and coaching opportunities, and delves into the how and why of physical activity and sport, including exploring the role of technology in sport. You will develop a range of practical skills, such as communication, coaching, dealing with pressure, decision-making, and analysing and evaluating performance.

This interactive course leads students on to pathways in sport, physiology, physiotherapy, coaching and management, and sports education.

Find out more at: www.hsfc-ac.org.uk/physical-education

Entry requirements:

GCSE at grade 5 in physical education. This must include a 5 in the theory exam

Examination board: OCR
Specification: H155/ H555

Physics

(A Level and AS)

This course will challenge you intellectually, and you will take an active role in the consideration of phenomena and the physical world around us. You will become more adept at problem solving and showing analytical skills, and enjoy learning the subject using a range of methods and techniques. A mixture of theory and practical skills will enhance your understanding as you look at topics such as particles and radiation, mechanics and materials, nuclear physics, electricity and fields.

The course will develop your interest in and enthusiasm for the subject, and open up routes to further study and careers associated with physics.

Find out more at: www.hsfc-ac.org.uk/physics

Entry requirements:

Two GCSEs at grade 6 in science and grade 6 in maths

Examination board: AQA
Specification: 7407/ 7408

Politics

(A Level and AS)

Our popular politics course develops understanding of the state of UK government and politics, delving into democracy, electoral systems, political parties and ideologies, structure of government and exploring political ideas such as nationalism or anarchism. You will also study of politics in the USA and how their structures and processes compare. There is an emphasis on debate, discussion and argument, all designed to enable you to make clear and valid assertions about our society.

Pathways from this demanding course include politics, international relations, government, broadcasting, journalism and research.

Find out more at: www.hsfc-ac.org.uk/politics

Entry requirements:

GCSE at grade 5 in history. For students who have not studied history, you will need a grade 5 in English

Examination board: Edexcel
Specification: 9PLO

Psychology

(A Level and AS)

If you are interested in people and human behaviour, then psychology is for you. You will develop a sound understanding of the leading approaches and key research areas in the science of mind and behaviour. During the course you will examine a wide range of topics including memory, social influence, schizophrenia and forensic psychology. You will also develop your communication, analysis and evaluation skills.

Knowledge and skills developed through studying psychology can be applied across a wide range of pathways including arts, social sciences and traditional sciences, leading to careers in psychology, law, medicine, nursing, teaching and social work.

Find out more at: www.hsfc-ac.org.uk/psychology

Entry requirements:

GCSE at grade 5 in science and grade 4 in English and maths

Examination board: AQA
Specification: 7181/ 7182

Religious studies – philosophy and ethics

(A Level and AS)

Religious studies is beneficial to those who want to debate and discuss religious issues from a variety of perspectives, including non-religious viewpoints. You will develop your knowledge about the philosophy of religion and debate the existence of God, look at the impact of religion around the world, how the ethics of religion affect society, and how religious thought has developed and changed throughout history.

The skills gained are valuable for a range of careers and further education courses including clergy, teaching, politics, law, medicine and social services.

Find out more at: www.hsfc-ac.org.uk/religious-studies

Entry requirements:

GCSE grade 5 in religious studies, or philosophy and/or ethics

Examination board: OCR
Specification: H173/ H573

Sociology

(A Level and AS)

The study of sociology will enable you to develop your understanding of society in a disciplined way. The course covers issues that shape how our society functions, is governed and how this affects both individuals and groups of people. You will learn about the relationship of family to social structure and change, the role and function of education alongside class and the economy, together with topics on beliefs, crime and religion.

An interesting and engaging course, future pathways and careers include law, social and public services, prison and rehabilitation work, and roles within the criminal justice system.

Find out more at: www.hsfac.ac.org.uk/sociology

Entry requirements:

GCSE grade 5 in English

Examination board: AQA

Specification: 7192

Sport

(BTEC Level 3)

BTEC sport is designed for students who wish to progress into a career in sport or undertake further study in this area. The course develops your knowledge and skills in sporting areas such as anatomy and physiology, fitness training and programming, healthy lifestyles, professional sporting development and fitness testing. You will develop knowledge of how to apply your learning to real-life scenarios.

The course mixes theory and practical sessions, and allows you to research and formulate your own conclusions, ideas and opinions on sporting topics.

Find out more at: www.hsfac.ac.org.uk/sport

Entry requirements:

GCSE grade 4 in physical education or BTEC sport Level 2 merit grade, with a keen interest in sport

Examination board: Edexcel

Specification: BTEC Level

3 National Extended Certificate in Sport (360 GLH) 601/721



HOW TO APPLY

Entry requirements

In order to study four Level 3 qualifications in year 12, we expect students to have achieved a minimum of five grade 5 qualifications at GCSE in subjects relevant to their choices at sixth form. Where applicable, students must also meet any individual subject entry requirements.

Application process

Once you have decided that the Hucknall Sixth Form Centre is the right place for you, you will need to complete an application form online at www.hsfac.ac.org.uk/admissions/student-application-form. If you are a current student at either National Church of England Academy, The Holgate Academy or Queen Elizabeth's Academy and need a paper version of this form, please ask your home academy sixth form link.

If you have been in a school or academy elsewhere, please contact a member of our centre staff on **0115 9681657** to discuss the process and any questions you may have.

If you are looking for a place to begin in September 2022, we will need your completed online application form by 3 December 2021. Late applications are accepted, however students that apply late may not be able to select their preferred courses.

Late Y10/early Y11

- Research your options for post-16 and sixth form study
- Discover and visit the Hucknall Sixth Form Centre
- Meet our team and hear from current students

By 3 December 2021

- Decide Hucknall is the sixth form for you
- Get in touch if you have any queries
- Complete and submit your application

After you apply

- Attend an interview with a member of the sixth form leadership team
- Discuss your aims and we will check your suitability for the course(s)

Next steps

- If successful, we will offer you a place subject to successful GCSE results
- Attend induction day

September 2022

- Start your course, expand your learning and make new friends
- Meet your personal tutor
- Get involved in a range of extracurricular activities

FIND OUT MORE

The next step in your education is a big one, and a decision that can ultimately shape how your career or further studies will go. Hucknall Sixth Form Centre has a team of expert and experienced staff, who will ensure that you make an informed decision about the route you want to take and make appropriate course selections.

To find out more, call us on **0115 9681657** – you will be connected to one of our sixth form team to discuss your future and how we can support your aspirations.

If you are a current student at National Church of England Academy, Mrs Wall will be your point of contact for a discussion about transition to the Hucknall Sixth Form Centre. Students currently at The Holgate Academy or Queen Elizabeth's Academy should to speak with Miss Hall.

We welcome students who do not currently attend one of our partner academies to continue their studies with us – our staff team would be delighted to discuss with you either on the phone or in person at the centre.

Come and meet us

One of the best ways to find out if Hucknall Sixth Form Centre is for you is to come and visit us. We love to meet potential students and to see how we can support you to continue your education.

Open events

Throughout the year we will be holding open events for students who are looking to continue their studies in a further education setting. Keep an eye on the Hucknall Sixth Form website www.hsfc-ac.org.uk for details of when you can come and find out all about what we can offer.

Arrange a visit

We offer tours of the facilities and give you the chance to speak with staff about your future goals. To arrange a visit, call us to arrange a suitable time to come and find out more.



VISIT US







TO FIND OUT MORE

**CALL US ON
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to arrange a tour

HOW TO FIND US



How to find us

-  Hucknall Sixth Form Centre
-  National Church of England Academy
-  The Holgate Academy
-  Queen Elizabeth's Academy
-  Train station
-  Tram station

Transport and travel to the centre

Bus

There are a number of public bus services that service Hucknall, with Trent Barton bus stops just a short walk from the centre (less than 1 mile) on both their Hucknall Connect Blue and Green routes. The Trent Barton 'Threes' service also runs between

Nottingham and Mansfield in both directions, with the Vine Terrace stop almost on the doorstep of the Hucknall Sixth Form Centre.

Train and tram

Hucknall station, also formerly known as Hucknall Byron station, is the nearest railway station and tram stop, and a great way to access the centre. The station is just one mile from the Hucknall Sixth Form Centre, taking approximately 10 minutes to walk.

Road

For students wishing to drive to Hucknall Sixth Form Centre, the postcode for any sat nav device is NG15 7HA. The car park is situated at the rear of the building, and can only be accessed via Duke Street.



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WWW.HSFC-AC.ORG.UK

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